

Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch

Worksheet: Monitoring Plan

Ranch Name _____
 Date _____
 Form Completed by _____

What to Monitor	When	Target Condition
Precipitation	On critical dates, prior to forage rapid growth, or monthly Your Dates:	Normal or percent of normal Your Targets:
Forage Availability	On critical dates or as needed when rotational grazing Your Dates:	Meet AUM needs Your Targets:
Residual (Remaining) Forage	After moving animals out of pasture Your Dates:	Meet hydrologic needs Your Targets:
Range Condition	Every few years Your Dates:	Meet ranch objectives Your Targets:
Livestock Grazing Records	Throughout grazing season as animals moved Your Dates:	Meet ranch objectives Your Targets:
Livestock Gain	Beginning and end of grazing season Your Dates:	Meet ranch objectives Your Targets:
Body Condition	Critical intervals in production cycle Your Dates:	Meet ranch objectives Your Targets:
Financial Health	Annually Your Dates:	Meet ranch objectives Your Targets:
Markets	As needed Your Dates:	Meet ranch objectives Your Targets:
Water Resources	Annually Your Dates:	Meet water quantity and quality needs Your Targets:
Other	Your Dates:	Your Targets: